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PENSACOLA, FLORIDA, SUNDAY MORNING, JUNE 21, 1908.

The Primary Election, the Victors and the Vanquished.

One of the striking features of American politics is the unequal acceptance by the people of the result of every election and the immediate adaptability by the public to whatever changed conditions arise as the result of the majority's action.

Another striking feature of American political life is the fact, strange as it may seem, that elections do not change conditions so materially after all. We make a great ado about it during the campaign. The prosperity and happiness of the people and the perpetuity of the government all hinge on the result of this particular campaign. But somehow, after the battle is fought and won—or lost, as the case may be—the people, for some unaccountable reason, still continue to be reasonably prosperous and happy and the government moves on with as much regularity as though nothing had happened.

And so it is in Florida. The campaign is now over. Some have won and some have lost. But the people will continue to be contented and happy and by the time the winners are inaugurated into office we shall all, for the most part at least, have forgotten what our differences were or why we differed.

In the campaign which was concluded last week several of the candidates that some of us supposed were defeated. They were all good men and the principles they stood for were, in the Journal's opinion, sound, but the majority of the people were not of the same opinion and the opponents of these candidates were nominated. They will make, we believe, creditable public servants and the state will continue under their administrations to develop and progress in all of its varied lines of industry.

We regret very much the defeat of Governor Broward, because we believe that he would accomplish more for the state in the federal senate than his opponent could do. We have no hesitancy, however, in according to Duncan U. Fletcher a sincere confidence in his democracy, his ability, and his patriotic purpose to serve the people of Florida. What he will accomplish for the state remains of course to be seen, but he will without question make a representative of whom Florida never need be ashamed and who, we believe, will reflect credit upon the state in all of his work and effort.

The defeat of John N. C. Stockton for governor and the nomination of Albert W. Gilchrist by a majority so decisive was one of those singular expressions of public sentiment which it is not always easy to understand. Ostensibly the issue was state option vs. county option in the prohibition of the liquor business, and the county option issue won. Yet the supporters of the successful candidate maintained that the governor of the state had absolutely nothing to do with the question either of state prohibition or county prohibition, and many prohibitionists supported him on that ground. This is evident from the fact that some of the largest counties in the state which gave majorities to Gilchrist at the same time elected dry members to the legislature.

However, speculation as to how it happened is not calculated to accomplish anything. We regret John Stockton's defeat because we believed in the things that he stood for. But in the election of Albert W. Gilchrist, the state will have an honest executive and one who we do not believe can be improperly influenced either by his friends or his opponents. He is big, honest, good hearted, and patriotic and we trust and believe he will make a good governor.

The race for congress between J. Walter Kehoe and Darnette H. Mays is so close on the face of the returns that it will require the official count to determine the result. Kehoe, because of his youth, his energy, and his ambition, was The Journal's choice

and we hope when the official count is determined that it will be found that he is elected. But should the prize go to his opponent, the third congressional district would still have an able and worthy representative. Both Kehoe and Mays are able and clever and the voters were fortunate in having two such men from whom to make a choice.

Now that the campaign is over we trust that an era of good feeling may become general throughout the state. The man who harbors an animosity is injuring himself and his own peace of mind more than he is harming anyone else. Let us forget our differences, our troubles, and our animosities and show the proper spirit by extending condolences to the defeated and congratulations to the victors. Here is our good right hand to them both.

The world loves a winner, and next to a winner, it loves a loser who can grin and go on again. The defeated candidate who can smile and look pleasant and not feel discouraged will hold the friends he has and draw others to him. Governor Broward, for instance, is no less popular now than before the primary, and the people of Florida will find further use for him in the future. Any candidate for office who conducts his campaign manfully without resorting to abuse of those opposing him, can stand defeat with much more serenity than he otherwise could.

The Orlando Reporter-Star, which vigorously opposed Gilchrist and Fletcher in the campaign, now says: "The state seems to have gone democratic instead of prohibitionist."

Republican Platform Is a Wonder.

Some of the old Bible critics said that you could prove anything by the Bible; that no text could be found which could not be disputed by some other text. We never took much stock in what the critics said about the Bible, but the same criticism applied to the record of the republican party and to the platform which it has just adopted would be most fit and proper.

The republican platform of 1908 is a wonder. It is neither milk nor water; it calls for tariff revision in one breath and takes it back in another. It tries to be conservative on the one hand and it throws out a few sops to the radicals on the other. It proclaims the honesty of the party but it does not say a word about the publicity of campaign contributions. The publicity plank was in fact rejected by an overwhelming vote. It contains an anti-injunction plank with a string tied to it—one of the kind that it can use to catch votes but can pull in whenever it becomes dangerous to republican interests. It declares in favor of a postal savings bank—an idea that the populists stole from the socialists, that the democrats stole from the populists, and that the republicans have now appropriated from the democrats. The platform makers rejected the plank calling for the direct election of United States senators, and Senator LaFollette denounces the platform as disappointing both in "fundamental provisions and omissions."

Altogether we believe the republican platform is going to prove a disappointment. It is neither radical nor conservative, and it commits the party to no special policy which could not be cast aside whenever the interests from which the party draws its sinews of war should demand that it be done. To the western republicans particularly it must prove a sore disappointment.

The nominees themselves are well illustrative of the platform. Tatt, ostensibly a radical and a reformer, is hitched up with a vice presidential candidate who has no sympathy for the Roosevelt idea of government and whose distinguishing features lie in the facts that he is a foe of labor or

A NAME FOR THE NEW HOTEL

"METROPOLIS," "METROPOLITAN" OR "ENTERPRISE" SUGGESTED

Pensacola, Fla., June 20, 1908.
Editor Pensacola Journal.

As a name for the new hotel I think either the "Metropolis" or the "Metropolitan" would be very appropriate. Also I would suggest the "Enterprise."

READER.

OLD RESIDENT WOULD CALL IT "WASHINGTON, D. C."

Warrington, Fla., June 20, 1908.
Editor Pensacola Journal.

As an old resident of Pensacola, I would like to suggest as a name for the new hotel that of "Washington, D. C."

ALICE PEPPER.

LONG LIST OF NAMES THAT MAY BE SUITABLE

Pensacola, Fla., June 20, 1908.
Editor Pensacola Journal.

A list of names, one of which might be suitable for the new hotel: "Alvarado," "Aragon," "Alcaniz," "Bolyedere," "Barrancas," "Casa Grande," "Cirederf," "DeLuna," "Del Monte," "El Paso," "Ferdinand," "Florida Blanca," "Gonzalez," "Gull lemar," "Hervey," "Hernandez," "Isabella," "Imperial," "Jackson," "Jennings," "Knowles," "Langham," "Lanar," "Majestic," "Monticello," "Mudon," "Normandie," "Orleans," "Progresso," "Perdido," "Palafox," "Royal," "Romana," "Shirley," "Seminole," "Stillman," "Tarragona," "Warrington," "Westover," "Yzanaga."

W. C. FREDERIC.

WHY NOT HONOR ONE OF SOUTH'S GREATEST MEN, DAVIS

Chipley, Fla., June 20, 1908.
Editor Pensacola Journal.

Why not name the new hotel "The Jefferson Davis," after the President of the Confederate states, and do honor to one of our finest men?

J. H. SHIVERS.

"PONCE DE LEON" IS OFFERED AS SUITABLE

Pensacola, Fla., June 20, 1908.
Editor Pensacola Journal.

As you are receiving names for the

organizations and a past master in the art of collecting campaign contributions. For a party that declined to declare itself in favor of the publicity of campaign contributions, such a candidate fits the platform to a nicety.

The democrats now have the opportunity of years to write a platform that will win. With a straightforward, unequivocal, clean-cut declaration of principles and with Wm. J. Bryan as its candidate, the democratic party can appeal to the intelligence and the reason of the country and can do so with success. The republican platform-makers have given it the opportunity.

A newspaper has just been started at Flomaton and a copy of the first number has reached this office. The paper is for the present being printed at Brewton, but the proprietor, Mr. D. C. Williams, promises to put in a good printing plant about the first of November. Flomaton is a growing town with a prosperous farming community around it, and should furnish a field for a five weekly newspaper. The name of the paper is the Enterprise and here is hoping the Enterprise will prove successful.

Some More on Tobacco Raising.

It seems that Escambia county, Alabama, to the north of us, and Baldwin county to the west, are already busy with the tobacco proposition suggested in The Journal yesterday.

From the Baldwin Times it is learned that the Southern Plantation and Development Company, near Robert's Dale, has a small tract of Florida Cuban and Sumatra wrapper grades under the care and superintendence of Mr. Berryman, an expert tobacco grower from Quincy, Florida.

This tobacco is being grown purely as an experiment, and, according to the Times, the company is already convinced that tobacco can be grown with great success in Baldwin. While others who have seen the growing plants, are very enthusiastic and full of the faith that Baldwin county is destined to soon become one of the finest and most productive sections of the Sunny South for raising the "fragrant weed."

At the same time another experimental field of two acres of the same quality of tobacco as is grown around Quincy, Florida, is under cultivation at the Lovelace farm near Brewton, Alabama.

It is said that the plants are now eight feet high, and the little field is one of the sights of Brewton. The success of the experiment for surpassing the expectations of those making it.

These two near-by experiments with tobacco are cited for the purpose of stimulating the idea of growing tobacco in this county in order that our farmers may share in the prosperity that is being enjoyed so abundantly by farmers in some other sections of the state.

new hotel. I suggest that it be called "The Ponce de Leon Hotel." As you all know Ponce de Leon was the first man who ever stepped on Florida soil, I think it would be appropriate to call it after him.

M. E. T.

"THE SUB-TROPICAL" HAS MUCH TO RECOMMEND IT

Pensacola, Fla., June 20, 1908.
Editor Pensacola Journal.

As a great many others have done so, I too, with your permission, will avail myself of space in the columns of The Journal to suggest a name for the new half-million-dollar hotel. Of course, it is the intention of the promoters of this magnificent hostelry that it shall prove an attraction to tourists and visitors generally and bring them to Pensacola to enjoy the many advantages of this place as a resort. Such being true, it would be eminently proper to adopt a name that would help to subserve that purpose. Pursuant to that idea therefore, I suggest "The Sub-Tropical" as a name that would, in a very great measure, meet the requirements. Its characteristics convey the suggestion of a climate particularly attractive to tourists, denoting a temperature that is a happy medium between the torrid temperature of the tropics and the frigid temperature of those countries from which people are wont to flee in winter. The very words are suggestive of that sublimity of climate, that variety and abundance of foliage and flowers, trailing vines, waving palms, singing birds, rippling streams, sparkling lakes, golden sunshine and balmy breezes which are so attractive and delightful in both winter and summer.

For these and other reasons "The Sub-Tropical" would be entitled to earnest consideration when the selection of a name is taken up.

B. LESTER GLADDEN.

"J. RUFUS INN" IS SUGGESTED

Warrington, Fla., June 20, 1908.
Editor Pensacola Journal.

I suggest they call the new hotel "Nix's" after Nix's precinct, or the "J. Rufus Inn."

I. O. W. JOHNSON.

Before the campaign opened up, The Pensacola Journal wanted a warm one. Does it feel that it realized its wish?—Florida Index.

It is evident that the Index feels elated over the result and is inclined to crow over The Journal because it espoused the cause of some of the defeated candidates. But it suits The Journal to have warm state campaigns; they wake the people up and set them thinking; they come out to hear the speakers and they learn much regarding public issues by listening to such speakers as Fletcher, Broward, Stockton and others. They get ideas upon public policies and form opinions which have something better to back them than mere prejudices, or as is sometimes the case, what their fathers and grandfathers thought. Yes, The Journal believes that in the long run a warm campaign is beneficial, as an educator.

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ENCOURAGES THE PENSACOLA-BALDWIN COUNTY ROAD

Pensacola, Fla., June 20.
Editor Pensacola Journal.

I wish you would take the time and trouble to look more into the project of a road into Baldwin county, Alabama. That is the most feasible thing that has presented itself for a long time. Baldwin is a rich section, being rapidly settled by a good solid class of people. They are anxious to have business connections with this city and I am positive that it will be a good thing for Pensacola from the start. We might have a traction line, or if nothing more, a good solid public road.

J. N. ANDREWS.

FARMERS ARE HAPPY.

Baldwin county products are being hastened to the northern and eastern markets. Potatoes, peaches, cucumbers, cantaloupes, beans, tomatoes and watermelons are being rushed to those markets in car load lots. Be-

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sides these shipments a great amount of our produce is being sent to Pensacola and Mobile where it is in steady demand at good cash prices. The outlook for the season is very flattering.—Baldwin Times.

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GRAND RIDGE

Special to The Journal.
Grand Ridge, Fla., June 20.—The "primary" is over, and the results in the main are satisfactory to the people of this place. Grand Ridge was regarded as the stronghold of Broward and Stockton, and their defeat is a disappointment to the majority of our people. Our precinct gave each of them a good lead, but there was no liquor visible, or manifest, on our grounds on election day; but an adjoining precinct had an abundant quantity, and the vote indicated the source of the supply. The largest interest in any one office was that of county commissioner from this district of Jackson county, the candidates being W. J. Singletary of Grand Ridge, and L. H. King of Comfort, both rising young men of pronounced

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fitness and highest integrity. Mr. Singletary secured the nomination by near a hundred majority, but the vote for Mr. King was highly complimentary to him, and both young men are to be reckoned with in the future affairs of Jackson county.

Rev. Julian S. Sibley, of Pensacola, passed through our town on Monday, en route to the McArthur turpentine still and near the Burch postoffice, where he will give a week of preaching, and if the way be clear, may organize a Presbyterian church. That point has been an outpost of the Presbyterian church of this place and now has one-fourth the time of Rev. C. J. Morton of this place.

Three cars of water melons are now being loaded upon our side track, the first of the season. The quality is fine, and the rush of the first day gives promise of busy times for a month or more.

B. L. Porter and wife, who are now visiting friends and resting at some of the Georgia springs, are expected home the last of this week. Mr. Westly Harn, clerk and assistant post-

master, has full charge in the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Porter, and is doing his part well.

Mrs. Newton, who has been visiting friends in Georgia, is expected home by Saturday and will be welcomed by her husband and many friends here.

Mrs. Lula B. Singletary spent most of last week with friends at Blountstown.

Mr. Henry Trester is now seriously ill with continued fever, at his father's house.

Mr. W. J. Moore, has sold his interest in the naval stores business of this place, and resumed his merchandise business at his old stand.

Mr. Ward, late of Georgia, has taken charge of the Rhodes & Co. store. Mr. Lonnie Rhodes and family will move to this place as soon as a vacant home can be had.

Judge and Mrs. Porter are making some additions and improvements to their home in anticipation of their "golden wedding," and the home coming of all their children and grandchildren, which occurs on the first day of next September.

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